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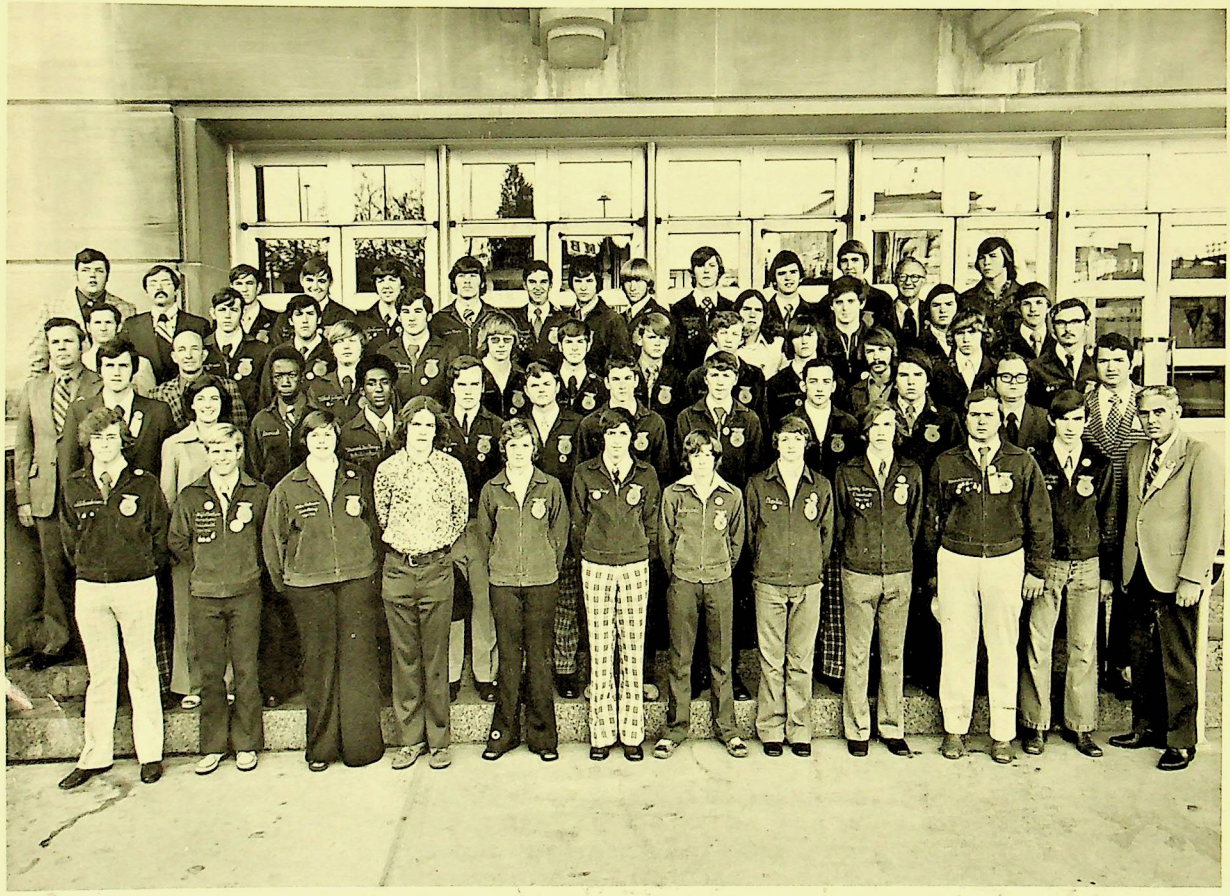

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COVER PHOTO

Seventy-two Future Farmers, teachers of agriculture, student teachers, teacher educators, wives, and friends of the FFA attended the convention from South Carolina. Frank R. Stover, State Supervisor of Vocational Agriculture, and J. Earl Frick, State Executive Secretary of the FFA, were in charge of the delegation.

NOTES *from the* Executive Secretary

TO FUTURE FARMERS

By J. Earl Frick, Jr.

South Carolina was well represented by the outstanding FFA members who attended the National FFA Convention in Kansas City. The individual members and chapters whose names and pictures appear in this issue of the magazine are to be congratulated for their accomplishments.

The Horry-Georgetown FFA Federation held a weekend retreat for chapter officers November 1 and 2 at the Cherry Grove FFA Camp. Several of the State FFA Officers attended and participated in the leadership conference. Other FFA federations should plan and conduct this type of activity to develop FFA Chapter Officers. The state officers will be happy to assist federations to conduct leadership conferences upon request.

National FFA Week will be observed February 16-22, 1975. The theme this year will be "FFA — A CHANCE FOR GROWTH". This theme seems most appropriate for our organization. Although publicity for the FFA is important throughout the year, each chapter should make a concentrated effort to publicize our organization during this special week. Ideas for special activities to promote FFA Week can be obtained from the brochure mailed to your chapter from the National Supply Service.

Official FFA calendars represent an excellent way to promote a positive public relations program for our organization.

Let's join together to keep the public informed about our FFA organization.

TO YOUNG FARMERS

By Hugh P. McClimon

The 27th Annual State Convention of the South Carolina Association of Young Farmers will be held January 17-18, 1975 at the Sheraton-Columbia Inn. All Chapters should encourage members, wives and advisors to make plans to attend. The Nominating Committee will meet at 10:30 on Friday morning to interview officer candidates. Chapters with members interested in serving should submit an application and the officer candidates must meet with the committee for an interview.

Following the luncheon at 12:00 noon the Opening General Session will begin at 2:00 p.m. The program will include a presentation on OSHA regulations as they pertain to farmers and another presentation by an EPA Representative on Pesticide Safety Regulations.

After the break, a panel presentation will be given by Clemson University personnel on the various aspects of marketing. This is a very timely topic and the information should be very beneficial for the future.

The Annual Awards Banquet will be held at 7:00 p.m. All winners should make every effort to attend and receive the award in person from the sponsors. A Variety Show is tentatively planned for entertainment after the banquet.

The highlights for the Breakfast Session at 9:00 a.m. on Saturday morning include the presentation of other awards, recognition of special donors, a report on the National Institute and the business session.

DON'T MISS THIS YEAR'S CONVENTION!!!

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THE 47th NATIONAL FFA CONVENTION OPENED BY PRESIDENT GERALD R. FORD

President Gerald R. Ford opened the convention with a nationally televised address to Future Farmers and the American public. The President's address urging FFA members and the American public to fight inflation was greeted enthusiastically by FFA members present for the opening session. The President was welcomed to Kansas City and introduced to the convention audience by Mark Mayfield, of Caney, Kansas, the National President of the FFA. Following the President's address the six National FFA officers set the tone of the convention with an inspiring vespers service focusing on the 1974-75 FFA theme of "A Chance For Growth".

More than 17,000 Future Farmers and their guests filled the municipal auditorium in Kansas City to observe and participate in the largest annual student convention in the United States. In addition to President Ford other prominent persons addressing the convention included Secretary of Agriculture Earl Butz, Baltimore Oriole star Brooks Robinson, William F. Pierce, of the U. S. Office of Education, President of Allied Mills Donald Staheli, singing star Johnny Rodriguez, and several other youth and adult leaders from business, government, and educational institutions.

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From the time National President Mayfield brought the gavel down to begin the first session until he turned it over to the new President, Everette Trivette, of Ladysmith, Virginia, the Future Farmers ran the whole show. They listened to the outstanding speakers, conducted the organization's business, presented National FFA awards, selected the Star Farmer and Star Agri-Businessman, and transacted FFA business.

Heading the South Carolina delegation this year were official delegates Dusty Westwood, of Mid-Carolina High School, State FFA President, and Jimmy Tate, of McDuffie High School, State FFA Vice President. The official delegates made up the voting body of the convention. Each state was permitted to send two delegates from its active membership plus one delegate for each additional 10,000 members.

This year for the first time South Carolina entered a team in the National FFA horticultural competition. The National FFA horticulture contest is a special project of the National FFA Foundation sponsored by the American Association of Nurserymen, Inc. and the general fund of the National FFA Foundation. Team members were Charlie Aiken, Larry Thomas, Mack Finley, and Rusty Wooten. They were accompanied by their agriculture teacher, J. T. Black, of Greenville Senior High School.

SC FFA MEMBERS AND CHAPTERS

RECEIVED TOP FFA DEGREES

Left to right, Green, Metts, Cox and Cloniger. Absent when the picture was made, Riddle and Shirley.

Six South Carolina FFA members received the American Farmer Degree at the National FFA Convention. This is the highest degree obtainable in the FFA.

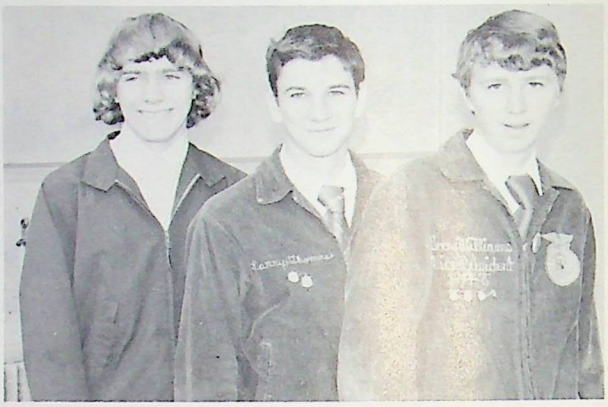
SOUTH CAROLINIANS EARNING THIS TOP DEGREE WERE: DAVID GREEN AND KENNETH METTS, JAMES F. BYRNES; DENNIS COX, LORIS; KENNY CLONIGER, YORK; ALLEN RIDDLE, HILLCREST; AND WILLIAM SHIRLEY, BELTON-HONEA PATH.

The six South Carolina FFA members were among 643 Future Farmers from throughout the nation who received the American Farmer Degree. This degree is presented to approximately one FFA member per 1,000 in any given year. Each degree recipient was presented a certificate and gold key from the FFA organization plus a cash travel allowance to the National FFA Convention from the National FFA Foundation.

FFA members are eligible for the American Farmer Degree after having earned the State Farmer Degree in their state. They must have been an active member of the FFA continuously for at least three years and have a record of participation in activities of the local chapter and state associations. In addition, the member must have earned at least $1,000 by his own efforts from a supervised farm or other agricultural occupational experience program. The money he or she earned must be productively invested or deposited in a bank. The degree is presented only to FFA members who have demonstrated their leadership ability during high school and who are showing evidence of becoming successfully established in an agricultural occupation.

CHAPTER AWARDS

Three South Carolina chapters were selected to receive National Chapter awards. Greenville chapter earned the gold emblem award, the silver emblem award went to Byrnes, and the bronze emblem to Woodruff. These chapters earned the awards on the basis of their activities in 10 areas of chapter involvement prescribed by the National FFA organization.



Left to right, Paul Hunter, Woodruff; Larry Thomas, Greenville; and Terry Williams, Byrnes.

COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT

Two South Carolina chapters were selected to receive the silver emblem award in the Building Our American Communities program. These awards went to the Bowman and Greenville FFA chapters. The BOAC program is an effort by the FFA to get its members involved in activities to improve job opportunities and living conditions in rural communities. It is designed to develop leadership ability of FFA members by encouraging them to take an active role in the community.

Larry Thomas and Advisor J. T. Black, of Greenville, and Lyndon Burleson, of Bowman, were on hand to receive the awards.

RECEIVE NATIONAL RECOGNITION

AGRICULTURAL MECHANICS

Members of the South Carolina FFA agricultural mechanics team from Crescent High School were greeted in Kansas City by Dean Weidman, left, manager of the Farm Tire Sales Division of Firestone Tire and Rubber Company, Akron, Ohio. The team was one of 40 mechanics teams participating in the National FFA Agricultural Mechanics Contest at the National FFA Convention in Kansas City, Missouri recently. Team members, left to right, are Roland Simpson, Ricky Simpson, Kenneth Brock, and Dwayne Simpson. They were accompanied by their advisor and coach, Harold S. Clinkscales, of Iva, S. C., agriculture teacher at Crescent. The team won the silver emblem award for their participation.

The National FFA Agricultural Mechanics Contest is a special project of the FFA Foundation sponsored by the Firestone Tire and Rubber Company.

LIVESTOCK

Members of the South Carolina FFA livestock judging team from McDuffie High School, Anderson, were greeted in Kansas City by George H. Kyd, left, Vice President and Director of Public Relations, Ralston Purina Company, St. Louis, Missouri. The team was one of 45 FFA livestock teams participating in the National FFA Livestock Contest at the National Convention in Kansas City, Missouri. Team members, left to right, are Louis Keasler, Ronnie Poore, Eddie Kerr and Larry Hall. They were accompanied by their advisor and coach, Larry E. Greer, agriculture teacher at McDuffie High School. The team was awarded the silver emblem.

The National FFA Livestock Contest is a special project of the National FFA Foundation sponsored by the Ralston Purina Company.

HORTICULTURE

Members of the South Carolina FFA horticulture team from Greenville Senior High School were greeted in Kansas City by Ray Bush, left, Secretary of the American Association of Nurserymen, Inc. of Washington, D. C. The team was one of 33 horticulture teams participating in the National FFA Horticulture Contest at the National FFA Convention in Kansas City, Missouri. The team was awarded the silver emblem. Team members, left to right, are Charlie Aiken, Larry Thomas, Mack Finley, and Rusty Wooten. They were accompanied by their advisor and coach, J. T. Black, agriculture teacher at Greenville Senior High.

The National FFA Horticulture Contest is a special project of the FFA Foundation sponsored by the American Association of Nurserymen, Inc. and the National FFA Foundation.

NATIONAL CONVENTION

OFFICIAL DELEGATES

Representing South Carolina's State Association of FFA were the two officer delegates, left to right, Jimmy Tate, State Vice President of McDuffie High School, Anderson, and Dusty Westwood, State President, of Mid-Carolina High School, Prosperity.

FARM SAFETY

Shown above, left to right, receiving the silver emblem award for the Greenville Senior High School FFA chapter is J. T. Black, advisor, and Mack Finley, chapter representative, and receiving the bronze emblem award for Bowman High School, Lyndon Burleson.

The FFA Chapter Safety Award is one of three awards recognizing chapter participation in activities of national significance.

COURTESY CORPS

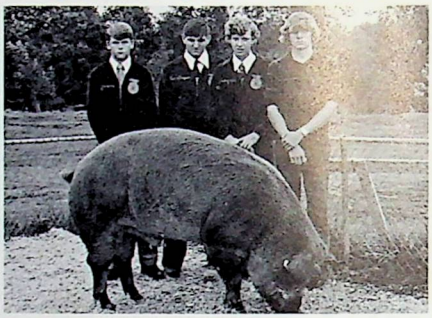
South Carolina's representatives on the National FFA Courtesy Corps are shown, left to right, front row, Ben Edge, North Myrtle Beach, Jimmy McDaniel, York, and J. A. Cunningham, Gilbert, advisor. Back row, Edwin Rish, Pelion, and David Mike Moore, York.

FAIRS AND SHOWS

BLUE RIDGE SHOW

Larry Hyder of the Landrum FFA chapter is shown with his Grand Champion barrow at the Blue Ridge Livestock Show. Larry also exhibited a Grand Champion pen of three. He is an 11th grader in his third year of vocational agriculture.

UPPER STATE FAIR



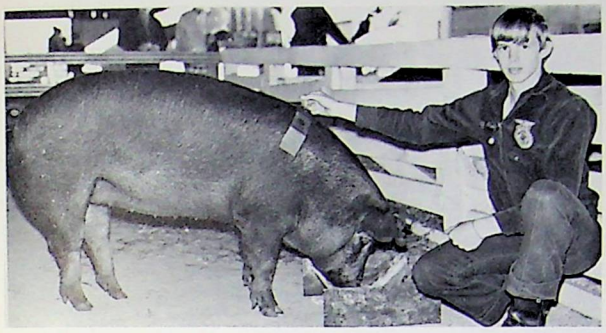
Pictures above are 4 FFA members who won free trips to the National FFA Convention in Kansas City in the 1974 junior swine show, sponsored by the Upper State Fair in Greenville. They are, left to right, Clay Charping, Abbeville; Glenn Simpson, Crescent chapter; Steven Cabe, Abbeville; and Paul Hunter, Woodruff.

BLUE RIDGE SHOW

Dennis Rhymer, a 10th grader at Landrum High School, and a member of the Landrum FFA chapter in his second year of vocational agriculture, is shown with his second place steer in the lightweight class at the Blue Ridge Livestock Show in Spartanburg.

S. C. STATE FAIR

SENIOR CHAMPION



Jeffrey Padgett, of the Pelion FFA chapter, is shown above with his Duroc senior sow pig shortly after he was awarded the Senior Champion in the Duroc show.

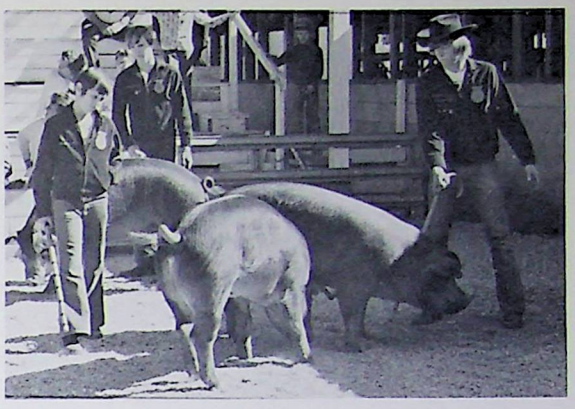
RESERVE CHAMPION

Timothy Jamison, left of the Walterboro FFA chapter, is shown with his Reserve Champion Hereford bull in the junior show at the S. C. State Fair while his agriculture teacher, Dennis Haltiwanger, looks on. Timothy received his bull through the FFA Livestock Improvement Program.

BROTHERS SHOW

Robbie and Calvin Gray, of the St. John's FFA, Darlington, are shown with two of their entries in the Angus show at the S. C. State Fair.

SHOW RING COMPETITION



Left to right, Terry Fogle, Jeffrey Padgett, and Derwin Rish, of the Pelion FFA chapter, work hard to make sure that the judge gets a good look at their Durocs at the S. C. State Fair.

Now Is The Time To . . .

1. Complete application forms and enter all eligible chapter members in the 1975 FFA Awards Program.
2. Make plans to have your chapter participate in public speaking and all chapter awards programs, district, state, and national.
3. Make plans to observe National FFA Week February 16-22, 1975. This year's theme is "FFA — A CHANCE FOR GROWTH."
4. Use the Idea and How-To-Do-It packet furnished your chapter by the National FFA Center.
5. Plan to send two chapter delegates and award winners to the State FFA Convention at Clemson University in June, 1975.
6. Keep committees alert to make sure your program of work is accomplished.
7. Make plans for all chapter members to attend the FFA camp at Cherry Grove Beach in 1975.
8. Plan for your chapter officers to attend the Officers Leadership Training Workshop at the FFA camp at Cherry Grove Beach in June, 1975.

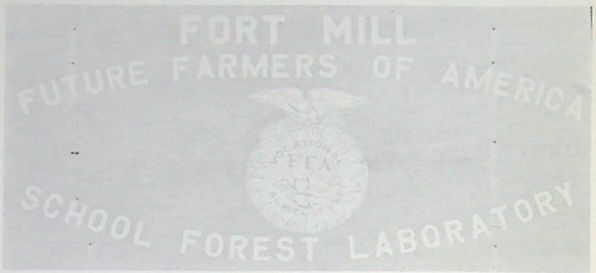
SEEDLINGS FOR YOUTH

Fore more than 10 years WESTVACO has made available loblolly pine seedlings to students of vocational agriculture. Under this program WESTVACO offers free 2,000 seedlings to any student who agrees to plant and care for them. Also, up to 5,000 seedlings may be ordered by individual chapters for their forestry projects. The student, the economy, and the environment of our state all benefit from a program of this type. Trees play a major role in the economic well-being of our state and are vitally important in fighting air pollution, stabilizing our soils, improving our environment and aiding in the conservation of our natural resources.

PLANTING TREES

Each year students of vocational agriculture in South Carolina plant pine seedlings on thousands of acres of idle unproductive land and put it into profitable production. In the above picture students of agriculture at the Fairfield Area Vocational Center, Winnsboro, learn the proper method of planting trees in the school forest laboratory. They are, left to right, Michael Hollis, Keith Lewis, Joe Ramsey, and teacher of agriculture R. R. Foster.

SCHOOL LABORATORY



Each year thousands of students of vocational agriculture in South Carolina learn the latest recommended forest management practices by studying them in the classroom, then actually putting them to practice in the school forest laboratories.

YOUNG PINES

This picture shows a former idle unproductive field after planting in pines.

At Annual ATA Banquet

AGRICULTURE TEACHERS RECEIVE AWARDS

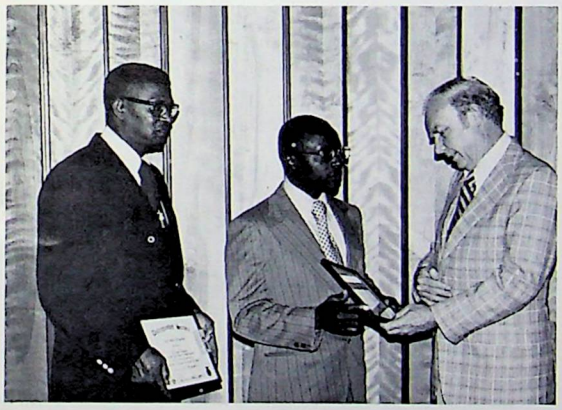
10 YEAR

The above teachers of agriculture are shown, left to right, receiving the 10 year Distinguished Service Awards at the State Vocational Teachers Conference this summer: W. P. James, Scotts Branch; J. N. Bookard, Allendale AVC; S. H. Keaton, Abbeville; J. E. Gore, Berkeley; and H. B. Waldrop, Landrum.

30 YEAR

Agriculture teachers receiving a Distinguished Service plaque for 30 years service to vocational agricultural education are shown, left to right, G. W. Edwards, Williamsburg High, Andrews; E. F. Hoover, Swansea; W. P. Leaphart, Indian Land; H. W. King, Manning; W. F. Crowther, Pickens; and M. E. Dubose, Jr., Manning. Not present when the awards were made H. L. Crouch, Hollywood High, Saluda. Presenting the awards was James Whitten, representing the Farm Credit Bank Services of Columbia.

20 YEAR



Shown receiving a Distinguished Service certificate and a tie tac for 20 years service to vocational agricultural education are agriculture teachers Oliver Pough, Hunter-Kinard High School, Norway, and Louis Manigault, Berkeley High School, Moncks Corner. Absent when picture was taken were L. B. Howard, Estill, and Joel Perry, Beaufort. Jim Whitten, right, presents the awards on behalf of Farm Credit Bank Services of Columbia.

40 YEAR

W. R. Carter, left, is shown receiving the 40 year Distinguished Service Award plaque for service to vocational agricultural education from James Whitten, representing the Farm Credit Bank Services of Columbia.

RETIREMENT

Shown receiving a retirement award from the S. C. Vocational Agriculture Teachers Association, after many, many years of distinguished service, are, left to right, Grady A. Yeargin, agriculture teacher at Greer, and C. O. Floyd, agriculture teacher at Strom Thurmond High School, Edgefield. The awards were presented by the State President D. A. Barfield, agriculture teacher at Andrew Jackson High School. Not present when picture was taken was E. H. Jones, agriculture teacher at Mullins.

IDEAS UNLIMITED

W. P. Lloyd, left, President-Elect of the South Carolina Vocational Agriculture Teachers Association, presents awards to the winners of the Ideas Unlimited contest recently held at the annual vocational agriculture teachers conference at Winthrop College. Shown, second from left, are: First place, L. V. Walker, Jr., Wren High School, Williamston; second place, W. W. Weldon, Florence Area Vocational Center; and third place, R. P. Smoak, Rock Hill Career Development Center. The awards were presented on behalf of FCX, Inc., sponsors of the contest.

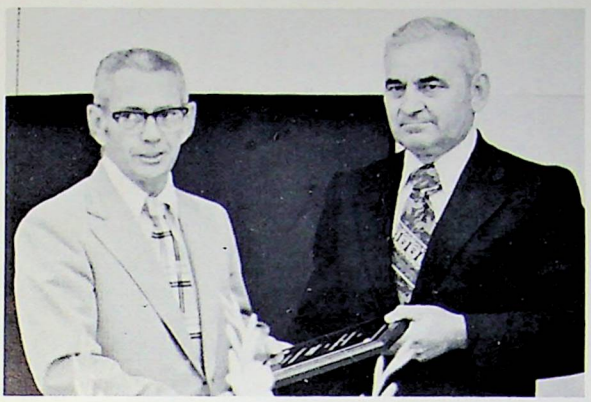
TEACHER OF TEACHER

Shown above receiving the Teacher of Teacher award are, left to right: J. P. Hayes, Floyd, and S. H. Keaton, Abbeville, bronze awards, and F. D. Johnson, of York High School, the šilver award. Presenting the awards is G. S. McKenzie, President of the S. C. Vocational Agriculture Teachers Association. This award is presented to agriculture teachers whose students are teaching vocational agriculture.

TEACHER ASSOCIATION OFFICERS

Agriculture teachers, shown left to right, elected to serve as officers of the S. C. Vocational Agriculture Teachers Association for the year 1974-75 are, President, G. S. McKenzie, St. John's High School, Darlington; President-Elect, W. P. Lloyd, Ruffin High School; Vice President (District I), S. H. Keaton, Abbeville; Vice President (District II), J. A. Cunningham, Gilbert; Vice President (District III), W. W. Weldon, Florence AVC; and Vice President (District IV), D. N. Haltiwanger, Walterboro.

CONSERVATION AWARDS



Fleming McMaster, Jr., a member of the Fairfield Conservation District at Winnsboro, has been chosen 1974 Outstanding Conservationist by the East Piedmont Association of Conservation Districts. McMaster received the award from Furman Fendley, right, Director of the S. C. Association of Conservation Districts from Union, at the East Piedmont Association's annual awards banquet. McMaster is a member of the Winnsboro Young Farmer chapter.

Francis Counts, vocational agriculture teacher at Ridge Spring-Monetta High School, is shown receiving the "Outstanding Conservation Teacher" award in South Carolina for 1974. Presenting the award is John W. Parrish, right, Executive Director of the S. C. Land Resources Commission. Looking on, left, is D. T. Mathias, of North Augusta, Chairman of the Aiken Conservation District.

McDANIEL HONORED

Jimmy McDaniel, Youth Commissioner of the York Conservation District, received the 1974 Outstanding Youth Commissioner award from Furman Fendley, Director of the S. C. Association of Conservation Districts of Union, at the East Piedmont Association's annual awards banquet. McDaniel is a member of the York FFA chapter and received the Outstanding Future Farmer award at the State Convention in June and the top FFA degree, the American Farmer Degree, at the National FFA Convention in October.

MACKEY RECEIVES

Harold J. Mackey, second from left, was on hand recently to receive a tractor power train, presented to Belton-Honea Path High School for use in vocational courses. Selected last year as one of 77 vocational agriculture teachers to receive the Honorary American Farmer Degree, Mackey was invited by Ford Motor Company's tractor division to nominate a school to receive a Ford tractor power train. Naturally he nominated his own school, Belton-Honea Path. On hand for the presentation were, left to right, R. J. Weeks, Sales Representative, Ford Motor Company; Mackey; R. N. Parks, Jr., Ford Motor Company, Anderson; and Matthew Clayton, Assistant Principal of Belton-Honea Path High School.

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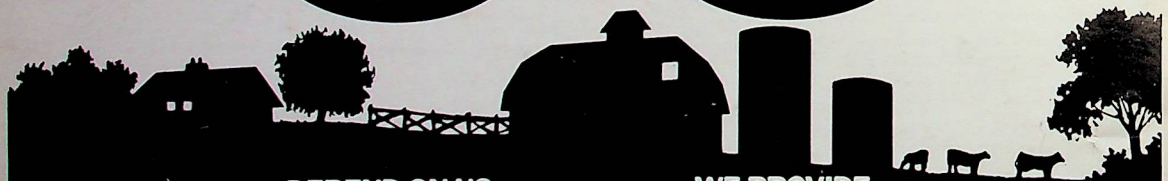

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